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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of:)	Confirmation No. 3383
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Derek WOOLFSON et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1654
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Serial No. 10/526,367)	Examiner: H. Khanna
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Filed: March 3, 2005)	Atty. Dkt. No. 000487.00037

For: *FIBER-SHAPING PEPTIDES CAPABLE OF INTERACTING WITH
SELF-ASSEMBLING PEPTIDES*

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

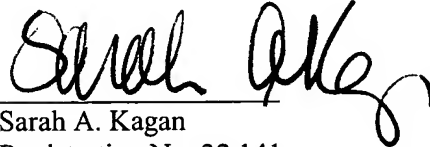
In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application Group I drawn to a fibre-shaping peptide comprising a hub and a plurality of peptide monomer units being attached at one end thereof the hub. This Group encompasses claims 1-15.

Applicants further elect with respect to species the fiber-shaping peptide referred to in claim 22, namely (NH₃-KIRRLKQKNARLK(β A)₃)₂-K.

Furthermore, it is submitted that the lack of unity objection should not have been raised as the prior art document, Hartgerink et al., (*Science*, 294,1684-1688, 2001) does not destroy the novelty of "the single general inventive concept." In particular, the structures disclosed in Hartgerink et al. do not comprise peptide monomer units capable of interacting with a subunit of a self-assembly peptide to form an overlapping staggered structure. In particular, it is noted that the structures disclosed in Hartgerink et al. only form a structure in the presence of a hydroxyapatite. Accordingly, and contrary to that indicated by the PTO, a fiber-shaping peptide capable of self-assembly is not disclosed in Hartgerink et al. It is also noted that Hartgerink et al. makes no mention of fiber-shaping and therefore cannot be seen to relate to fiber-shaping peptides as claimed in the present application.

It is believed that no fee is required. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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